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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7444**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 379

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Veterinary practice.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the State Veterinarian is the executive secretary and technical advisor of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The Board may enter into an agreement with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to use the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's staff and facilities. This bill removes the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from the Health Professions Bureau. This bill provides a procedure for filing and investigating a complaint against a person licensed under this chapter.

The Veterinary Board may not issue a license to an individual unless the individual's property taxes are paid. This bill specifies the effect of a criminal conviction on the status of a person's license and provides for the revocation of an individual's license if the individual is delinquent in paying child support. A person in the last term of study at an accredited veterinary school may submit to the Board an application for a license with a letter from the dean of the school instead of a transcript. This bill provides for an inactive status of a veterinary license under certain conditions and provides for the enforcement of standards of practice by the Board. This bill makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill provides that the State Veterinarian is the executive secretary of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Added responsibilities of the executive secretary include investigation of violations. The Board may enter into an agreement with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to use the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's staff and facilities. The State Board of Animal Health does not anticipate an increase in expenditures resulting from these additional responsibilities.

This bill removes the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from the Health Professions Bureau. Although it is unlikely that the Bureau will be able to reduce staff due to the transfer of the Veterinary Board from the Bureau to the Board of Animal Health, administrative expenses for the Bureau should decrease. Personnel

used to staff the Veterinary Board will be shifted to other areas.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The Veterinary Board may not issue a license to an individual unless the individual's property taxes are paid. This bill also specifies the effect of a criminal conviction on the status of a person's license and provides for the revocation of an individual's license if the individual is delinquent in paying child support. This bill provides for an inactive status of a veterinary license under certain conditions. These provisions may decrease revenue collected from the issuance of licenses. However, the overall impact is expected to be minimal.

*As a point of information*, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners collected \$11,431 in 1997 and \$82,655 in 1998. License fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Board of Animal Health and the Health Professions Bureau.

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